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SUBJECT: RECOUPMENT OF FRELOC RELOCATION COSTS

OSD FOR ISA AND COMPT; DA FOR DCS LOG.

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BEGIN SUMMARY. DURING DISCUSSION IN PENTAGON ON 24 JULY BETWEEN ISA/COMPTROLLER/USNATO PERSONNEL, MISSION WAS REQUESTED TO SUPPLY AVAILABLE INFO ON COSTS OF AND RECOUPMENT BY US MILITARY LIQUIDATION SECTION (MLS), AMEMBASSY PARIS. INFO FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE DTG 191546Z MARCH 1970 WAS RECEIVED FROM TASCOM AS FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT AFTER MLS DEACTIVATION IN PARIS:

QUOTE SUBJ: NATO COST SHARING OF NORMALLY INELIGIBLE FACILITIES FOR US FORCES RELOCATED FROM FRANCE.

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A. REQUEST BY MR. LOVELAND, USNATO TO MR. HELLER, ORMA PARIS, FOR ESTIMATE OF COST OF SELLING REMOVABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY (RPP) TO FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

B. CONF MSG 1016, MLS PARIS, 5 JUL 68, SAME SUBJECT.

1. ESTIMATED COST TO US GOVERNMENT TO SELL FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS \$4.456 MILLION. THIS COST INCURRED FROM BEGINNING OF MLS IN FEBRUARY 1967 TO DATE OF RELEASE OF LAST INSTALLATION ON 31 MAY 1969. TOTAL MLS COST DURING THIS PERIOD WAS \$5,752,375. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO COSTS REPRESENTS COST OF MLS ACTIVITIES UNRELATED TO RPP SALES SUCH AS CLAIMS OFFICE, FAFLO, FESO, PROCUREMENT, PART OF LEGAL OFFICE AND PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF MLS OVERHEAD.

2. MLS POSITION ON NATO SHARING OF \$13.448 MILLION PROCEEDS FROM SALES WAS GIVEN IN REF B.

3. THIS HQS BELIEVES THAT IF PORTION OF \$13.4 MILLION IS TO BE CREDITED TO NATO AS RETURN ON US BILATERAL CLAIM, ONLY THAT PART OVER AND ABOVE US COST OR \$8.992 MILLION BE SHARED.

4. FOR THE RECORD, A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE \$4.456 MILLION COST (AS MUCH AS \$3 MILLION) WOULD HAVE BEEN INCURRED EVEN IF NEGOTIATED SALES TO THE GOF DID NOT TAKE PLACE AND THE RPP HAD BEEN DISPOSED OF BY OTHER MEANS SUCH AS SALE OF FOREIGN EXCESS TO PRIVATE BUYERS UNQTE.

2. MISSION ALSO HAS ON FILE 59-PAGE REPORT DATED 25 JUNE 1970 FROM MLS TO INSTALLATIONS MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DCS LOGISTICS, US ARMY, ATTENTION 1M-RPB, ENTITLED QTE MLS - NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN UNQTE. REPORT CONFIRMS \$13.4 MILLION FIGURE BUT DOES NOT ADDRESS COSTS. IN SEPARATE PROGRAM REPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 1969, ALSO ADDRESSED TO DCSLOG, ARMY, MLS LISTS COSTS OF OPERATIONS AT A TOTAL OF \$6,418,906.

3. PENTAGON MAY BE ABLE TO LOCATE MORE DEFINITIVE DATA IN ARMY DCSLOG FILES. FAILING THAT, WE SHOULD PERHAPS STICK TO FIGURES PROVIDED BY TASCUM IN PARA 1 ABOVE.
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